



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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STCW ADVISORY NO. 2016 – 18

TO : **ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS AND ALL CONCERNED.**

SUBJECT : **ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (ECDIS) TRAINING**

With reference to the STCW Convention Regulation I/11, paragraph 4, which states:

“Each Party shall compare the standards of competence which it required of candidates for certificates issued before 1 January 2017 with those specified for the appropriate certificate in part A of the STCW Code, and shall determine the need for requiring the holders of such certificates to undergo appropriate refresher and updating training or assessment.”

This Administration has promulgated and mandated the updating training for Masters and officers certificated under Chapter II of the STCW Convention, through MARINA Circular 2014-01 and STCW Circular 2015-03, respectively, prior to revalidation of Certificate of Competency with validity beyond 31 December 2016.

The updating training prescribed by MARINA Circular 2014-01 and STCW Circular 2015-03 includes the ECDIS training that meets the standard of competence required by the 2010 amendments to the 1978 STCW Convention.

Approved ECDIS training, taken prior to the issuance of the above mentioned updating circulars, certified by maritime training institutions duly ACCREDITED by the Administration, shall have met the standard of competence required by the 2010 amendments to the 1978 STCW Convention.

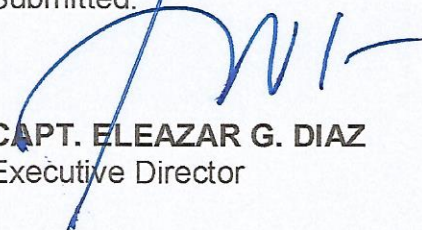


However, MARINA enjoins companies to ensure that seafarers are provided with familiarization training in specific ECDIS equipment fitted, including its backup arrangements, sensors and related peripherals, as per regulation I/14, paragraph 1.5 of the STCW Convention, as well as sections 6.3 and 6.5 of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

For guidance.

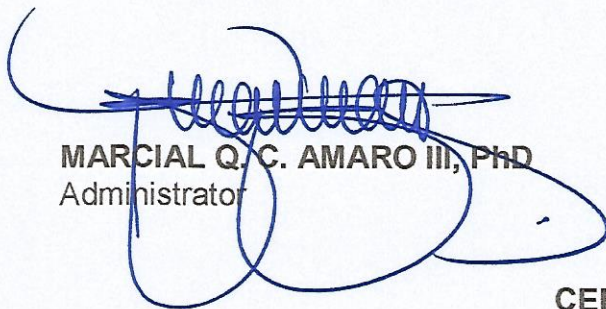
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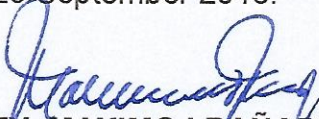
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2016-18 was approved by the Administrator on 23 September 2016.



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